

***Washington Forum on Monitoring***  
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**AGENDA Item # 7**

**Forum Response to Natural Resources Reform Options**

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**Problem/Issue Statement**

The Governor has tasked the natural resources cabinet with developing ideas and options for reforming how state natural resource agencies are structured or how they work together, in order to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of our work.

A report on the reform options is due for release on September 11<sup>th</sup>. The Governor has asked cabinet members to solicit feedback from their boards and council, employees, partners, tribes, local and federal agencies and other stakeholders on the ideas presented in the report.

The forum has an opportunity to consider the ideas presented in the report and develop a response as to how the options might affect how monitoring is conducted, managed, and coordinated across the state.

**Methods/Solutions Proposed**

The forum should discuss if and how it should respond to the request for feedback on the natural resource agency reform ideas. If the forum chooses to respond as an entity, it needs to decide how best to provide comment. One option is to designate a subcommittee to work with staff to prepare a draft response letter that can be circulated for review. One option is to not comment as an entity, but to encourage individual members to provide feedback. One option is to call a special forum meeting between when the report is released and when comments are due for the sole purpose of articulating a position or comments. It is expected that comments will be most effective if received before the week of October 12<sup>th</sup>. With any of these options, forum members should read the full report.

**What decisions are asked of the Forum?**

Decision on whether, how, and by what date the forum should respond to the request for review.